

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Saxman****Project Title:**

Saxman - Saxman Totem Pole Restoration

State Funding Requested: \$ 175,000**House District: 1 - A**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Funding for Saxman Totem Pole Restoration Project and necessary repairs to the world's largest totem pole collection.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$175,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Item is \$175,000 for restoration of historic totem poles in Saxman. The Saxman Totem Park has the world's largest collection of totem poles. They were carved in the mid- to late 1800s and then removed from their original site and placed in Saxman by local artisans with the help of the Civil Conservation Corps in the 1930s. Because of their age, the poles are in need of repair and restoration. The Totem Park in Saxman is supported through municipal funding and a joint agreement between Saxman and Cape Fox Corporation, a local native corporation. Saxman has received several grants to determine what work is needed and to locate carvers. Funding will allow for completion of the project and the preservation of priceless pieces of art that are the center of the community and a prime attraction for tourists.

Project Timeline:

Project set to be completed within 5 years of funding.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

City of Saxman

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



THE COMMUNITY OF KETCHIKAN



Saxman Totem Pole Restoration

FUNDING REQUEST

\$175,000

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The Saxman Totem Park has the world's largest collection of totem poles. They were, with few exceptions, created in the mid- to late 1800s and then removed from their original site and placed in Saxman during the Civil Conservation Corps days of the 1930s to create jobs in Alaska. Because of their age, they are now in need of continued repair and the funding the city has in insufficient to complete this task.

PROJECT HISTORY/STATUS:

Since the creation of the Totem Park in the 1930s by the Civil Conservation Corps (CCC) Saxman has been known as a place for visitors around the world to visit because of its collection of totem poles. Time has determined that we must preserve or replace them.

The Totem Park in Saxman is supported through municipal funding and a joint agreement between Saxman and Cape Fox Corporation, a local native corporation. Saxman sets aside an amount of money each year for totem restoration.

Saxman has received several small grants to determine what work needed to be done and to locate carvers. That has been completed and we are working towards the end of our last grant; but we are finding we will not have the necessary funds to complete the project. With the additional funding we will complete the project.